



**Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin, USN**  
Vice Commander  
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin is the Vice Commander of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) headquartered in San Diego. His responsibilities include directing strategic planning, daily business operations, military work force placement and providing an operational perspective on C4ISR development for the Fleet and the Navy's shore command and communication sites. In addition to the headquarters, SPAWAR is comprised of multiple field activities in the United States and several detachments at fleet concentration areas around the world including foreign countries.

Born in Denver, Colorado, Rear Admiral Fellin graduated in 1970 from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. He entered the Navy through Aviation Officer Candidate School, was commissioned in February 1971 and designated a Naval Flight Officer in August 1971.

At sea, Rear Admiral Fellin commanded USS Independence (CV-62) from 1996 to 1997. The Independence was the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. Prior to taking command of USS Independence he was the Operations Officer assigned to Commander Seventh Fleet, also homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. He also commanded the San Diego-based amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland (LPD-7) from 1993 to 1995 and an A6E Intruder squadron, VA-196, based at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington from 1987 to 1988. Admiral Fellin was Deputy Commander of Air Wing 11 at the Miramar Naval Air Station in San Diego in 1990 and 1991.

Prior to his assignment as SPAWAR Vice Commander, Admiral Fellin served as Commander, Naval Forces Marianas, Guam from 1999 to 2001. In addition he was the area Joint Commander as the U.S. Pacific Command representative for Guam, the Marianas, Micronesia and Palau. He served on the Joint Staff as the Vice Director J6 from 1997 to 1999. Admiral Fellin also served on various shore staff's and commands including the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, and Commander Medium Attack Electronic Warfare Wing Pacific, Whidbey Island, Washington.

Rear Admiral Fellin has accumulated more than 3,500 flight hours in the Grumman A-6 Intruder All Weather Attack aircraft and several hundred hours in various other carrier based tactical jet aircraft.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), the Legion of Merit (five awards), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal, and various other naval campaign unit and service awards.